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(SBU) EconOff delivered reftel to Czech Foreign Ministry Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Department Director Hana Sevcikova and her colleague Vladimir Hejduk during the week of September 28. After several weeks and multiple attempts to get a response, Hejduk responded to EconOff that it is very improbable that the Czech Republic will have the resources to join the global H1N1 initiative. He appreciates our work on the issue, and acknowledges that the developing world is vulnerable to the H1N1 pandemic. Thompson-Jones